

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE

This morning, Snohomish County provided an update on the county's response to COVID-19. The link to view the video is at right.

PHASE 2 VARIANCE FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY OFFICIALLY SUBMITTED

Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers submitted the County's variance application to move to Phase 2 of the state's Safe Start plan yesterday.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Snohomish County Provides COVID-19 Response Update

This morning, Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers was joined by Dr. Chris Spitters, the Health Officer for the Snohomish Health District, to provide an update on the county's response to COVID-19.

The video is available at https://www.snohd.org/495/COVID-19-General-Information

Phase 2 Variance for Snohomish County Officially Submitted

Following Board of Health and Snohomish County Council votes on Friday, May 29, and revisions to the application to respond to updated guidance, the variance to move to Phase 2 of the state's Safe Start plan was submitted on Monday, June 1, by Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers. The final application can be viewed online.

"We are now in a position to get more people safely back to work and our economy restarted because of our collective work preparing for Phase 2," said Executive Somers. "We are grateful for our partnership with the Governor and the pathway he has provided for us to apply for the Safe Start reopening plan. We have assembled a data driven Phase 2 application that will protect the health of our community while opening up our economy. We will continue to urge the residents of Snohomish County to maintain social distancing measures, wear face coverings, and otherwise support the sensible pandemic measures that have gotten us to this point."

Now that the plan has been submitted, the Secretary of Health will review the variance package. Additional information may be requested, or a phone call may be requested to further discuss the application. Applications may be approved as submitted, approved with modifications, or denied.

"There has been an incredible amount of effort put into this application, and by businesses and community members to get us to this point," said Stephanie Wright, Chair of the Board of Health and Vice Chair of the County Council. "However, this is just one step in a long journey. We're counting on everyone continuing that effort to keep the spread of COVID-19 down."

Governor Jay Inslee on Friday announced new criteria for counties seeking to move to Phase 2. One significant change in Snohomish County's favor was increasing the target incidence of case counts from 10 to 25 new cases per 100,000 in a 14-day period. From May 12-26, the case rate per 100,000 was 18.4 for Snohomish County.

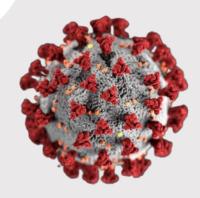
"After reviewing the new guidance and our updated response, I remain confident that we have the plans and processes in place to meet the targets provided," said Dr. Chris Spitters, Health Officer for the Snohomish Health District."

The community is reminded that until approved by the Secretary of Health, Snohomish County remains in Phase 1. Residents and businesses should continue following principles laid out in the Stay Home, Stay Healthy orders while beginning to familiarize themselves with what moving to Phase 2 will look like.

"Our businesses and workers are ready and willing to safely open up and move into Phase 2," said Snohomish County Council Chair Nate Nehring.







NEW SHD CHILD CARE HEALTH NEWSLETTER

Snohomish Health District published the Child Care Health newsletter covering a number of COVID-19 related topics. Link at right.

CITY OF ARLINGTON BUSINESS RENT RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM NOW OPEN

The City of Arlington's Business Rent Relief Grant program is now open. Information and link at right.

EVERETT PUBLISHES GETTING TO SAFE TOOLKIT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

The City of Everett worked with the Snohomish Health District to assemble the Getting to Safe Toolkit for small businesses.

LYNNWOOD CONNECTS CHECK-IN

The City of Lynnwood offers a free weekly phone call to see how residents are doing and share a friendly conversation.

LYNNWOOD ANNOUNCES SUMMER 2020 EVENTS

Lynnwood will continue to host their weekly Lynnwood Walks, Meet Me at the Park events, and Sandlot Cinemas in August. "Our economic recovery will demand much of everyone, and I appreciate that much hard work lies ahead as we navigate the path forward."

Allowing more businesses and activities to reopen does not mean that it will be business as usual. There are guidelines that employers will need to follow through all of the phases. More detailed information is <u>outlined in the Safe Start Plan</u>. Businesses must also wait until they have industry-specific health and safety guidance before reopening within the proper phase. The governor's office <u>maintains a list of guidance for industries</u>.

For more information please read the joint news release.

New SHD Child Care Health Newsletter

The Snohomish Health District (SHD) published a newsletter for June. Some of the topics discussed include an FAQ for child care and early learning providers, cloth face coverings and children, and mental health for kids.

For more information about childcare resources and services please visit SHD's <u>webpage</u>.

City of Arlington Business Rent Relief Grant Program Now Open

The City of Arlington application for Arlington Business Rent Relief Grant is now available. The City has funding from the CARES Act to distribute to qualifying businesses for up to \$3,500 to cover rent/lease/mortgage expenses. Applications will be accepted through June 8, 2020 until 10:00 a.m.

For more information or to apply please visit Arlington's webpage.

Everett Publishes Getting to Safe Toolkit for Small Businesses

As the county moves closer to the next phase of the governor's Safe Start plan, Everett wants to help businesses be ready to reopen when it's safe to do so. The City of Everett, in partnership with the Snohomish Health District, launched the Getting to Safe Toolkit to provide baseline recommendations, resources and practical tools for small businesses and organizations to prepare for when Snohomish County reaches the next phases of the governor's Safe Start plan. Learn more at everettforeverett.com/safeopening.

Lynnwood Connects Check-In

Lynnwood Connects Check-In is a free weekly phone call to see how residents are doing and share a friendly conversation. Check-in calls are intended to provide an opportunity to connect to those who may be feeling socially isolated by linking individuals with a friendly, caring City of Lynnwood staff member.

Check-in calls can be provided in Arabic, Chinese, German, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Ukrainian.

Ready to Sign-Up?

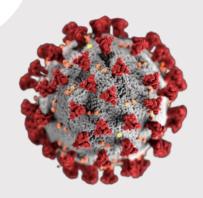
- 1. Call 425-670-5035
- 2. Leave a voicemail message
 Be sure to leave your name, phone number, and best time to reach you. We will call you to register you over the phone.

Lynnwood Announces Summer 2020 Events

Even though Lynnwood's large events and programs have been cancelled, it's more important than ever that neighborhoods remain connected and #ComeTogether. This summer Lynnwood plans to







CITY HELPS PROMOTE MARYSVILLE **BUSINESSES AS THEY REOPEN**

'Open for Business' posters are available for Marysville businesses courtesy of the City of Marysville.

continue to host their weekly Lynnwood Walks, Meet Me At the Park events, and enjoy outdoor movies at Sandlot Cinemas in August.

Start dates may change so please be sure to visit www.HealthyLynnwood.com for all up-to-date information.



City Helps Promote Marysville Businesses as They Reopen

The City of Marysville is offering 'Open for Business' posters to Marysville businesses that are open now and, over the next several weeks, to those that are able to open safely within state guidelines. Businesses can also submit information to be included on the city's Support Local Business web page.

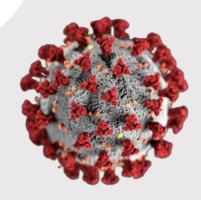
"This has been an especially tough season for our small businesses, who truly are the backbone of the Marysville economy," said Mayor Jon Nehring. "We are doing all that we can to help them at this time."

One poster per business as it opens is available at any of the following locations:

Bonefish Grill	2537 172nd St. N.E.	360-657-5629
Coastal Farm & Ranch	9623 State Ave.	360-658-2500
Greater Marysville Tulalip Chamber	8825 34th Ave. N.E.	360-659-7700
The Creamery Co.	1206 State Ave., Suites A&B	360-386-8694
Hilton Pharmacy	210 State Ave.	360-659-3222







SNOHOMISH COUNTY DISTRICT COURT REOPENS

Snohomish County District Court reopened on June 1 for limited court activities. Additional hearings and activities will continue to be heard via Zoom. Details at right.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT MODIFICATION OF COURT OPERATIONS

Snohomish County Superior Court has updated the orders for juvenile and superior court operations. See link at right.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY ANNOUNCES ESTIMATED \$1.5 MILLION IN HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) FUNDS

Link to the Notice of Funding Availability is at right.

To add your business to the city web page, please email socialnetworking@marysvillewa.gov with business name, address, phone number and business hours. Include the website link (if available) or a onesentence description of your products or services. If you offer curbside pickup, online orders or delivery, please include that information as well.

Snohomish County District Court Reopens

Effective Monday, June 1, staff have returned to the office to carry out essential functions of the District Court.

An Emergency Order has been issued that is effective until further notice.

The following matters will be held in person:

- Vehicle impound
- Contested infractions at the discretion of the judicial officer
- Contested probation hearings at the discretion of the judicial officer
- Full order hearings
- Evidentiary hearings on the motion calendar
- Bench trials (including small claims trials)
- Compliance review hearings for firearms/IID/SCRAM

All persons coming into a courtroom or outlying courthouses are expected to wear a face covering.

The following matters will be heard virtually via Zoom:

- Arraignment (commencing in June-July, 2020)
- Non-contested probation compliance hearings
- Civil motions
- Ex-parte motions
- Contested infractions
- Mitigation hearings
- Name changes
- Non-testimonial motions
- Disposition hearings
- Pre-trial/confirmation hearings

Snohomish County Superior Court Modification of Court Operations

New Snohomish County Superior Court Emergency Orders effective May 29, 2020 with updated information for the public regarding juvenile and superior court operations. This is reflected on the Superior Court website.

For more information please read the **Emergency Orders**.

Snohomish County Announces Estimated \$1.5 Million in HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Funds

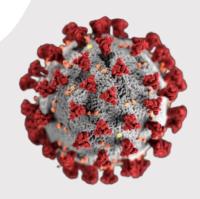
The program also includes undetermined amount in Chemical Dependency and mental Health Sales Tax (CDMH) Program Funds

Eligible applicants are encouraged to apply: non-profit organizations, Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO), public housing authorities, local governments, and for profit entities. Applications are due by 4:00 pm on Monday, July 27, 2020.

For more information please read Snohomish County's Notice of Funding Availability.







GOV. INSLEE STATEMENT ON TRUMP'S THREAT TO DEPLOY MILITARY TO PUT DOWN PROTESTS

Gov. Jay Inslee responded to President Trump's threat to deploy the military in response to protesters.

HOW TO FILE A DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT

Under the law, everyone has the right to be free from discrimination at work, in housing, in a public accommodation, or when seeking credit and insurance. Information on how a claim can be filed is at right.

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Governor Jay Inslee responded to President's Trump's threat to deploy the military in response to protesters.

"This president has repeatedly proven he is incapable of governing. He has shown nothing but false bravado throughout the chaos that has accompanied his time in office. His admiration of authoritarians around the world should not allow him to violate 200 years of American tradition of local law enforcement. We have activated the National Guard in our state and made them available to any community who requests it.

"Our country is defined by our collective character and democratic ideals, not by reactionary calls for division and not by threatening Americans with their own military."

For more information please read the Governor's <u>news release</u> and <u>Tweet</u>.

How to File a Discrimination Complaint

Any individual who believes that he or she has been discriminated against based on protected class status may file a charge of discrimination with the Washington State Human Rights Commission (WSHRC).

Under the law, everyone has the right to be free from discrimination at work, in housing, in a public accommodation, or when seeking credit and insurance. A discrimination charge in employment, public accommodation, credit and insurance must be filed with WSHRC within six months from the date of the alleged violation in order to protect your rights. A discrimination charge in housing must be filed with the WSHRC within one year from the date of the alleged violation.

Discrimination occurs whenever someone is treated differently or denied equal treatment or access because of their membership in a Protected Class.

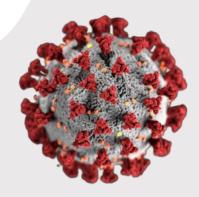
- Race/Color
- National Origin
- Creed
- Sex/Pregnancy
- Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity
- Veteran/Military Status
- The presence of any sensory, mental, or physical actual Disability or perceived Disability
- Use of a Service Animal
- HIV or Hepatitis C
- Marital Status (except in public accommodation)
- Breastfeeding (in public accommodation)
- Age (40+, employment only)
- Families with Children (housing only)
- State Employee Whistleblower

For housing complaints and credit complaints contact the WSHRC directly at 1-800-233-3247.

For more information or to file a complaint please visit WSHRC's webpage.







NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED: FEDERAL RESOURCES FOR U.S. SMALL BUSINESSES

A new website launched to provide easy access for U.S. businesses affected by COVID-19 to federal resources.

CDC PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOLS AND DAY CAMPS

The CDC has provided new guidance for schools and day camps. Links at right.

CDC RELEASES COVID-19 NATIONAL HOSPITALIZATION RATES BY AGE, RACE, AND ETHNICITY

The CDC released COVID-19 national hospitalization rates by age, race, and ethnicity. Details and link to the full study at right.

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For more information please check out the new small business website.

CDC Provides Guidance for Schools and Day Camps

As communities consider a gradual scale up of activities towards pre-COVID-19 operating practices in centers for learning, such as K-12 schools and summer day camps, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers recommendations to keep communities safe while resuming peer-to-peer learning and providing crucial support for parents and guardians returning to work. Recommendations include:

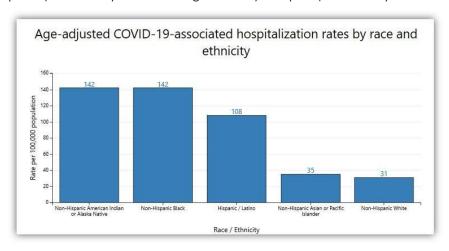
- Promote healthy hygiene practices
- Intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation
- Promote social distancing
- Limit sharing
- Train all staff
- Check for signs and symptoms
- Plan for when a staff member, child, or visitor becomes sick
- Maintain healthy operations

For more information please visit read CDC's full guidelines.

CDC Releases COVID-19 National Hospitalization Rates by Age, Race and Ethnicity

The COVID-19-Associated Hospitalization Surveillance Network (COVID-NET) conducts population-based surveillance for laboratory-confirmed COVID-19-associated hospitalizations in select counties participating in the Emerging Infections Program (EIP) and the Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance Project (IHSP).

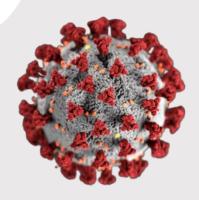
A total of 23,811 laboratory-confirmed COVID-19-associated hospitalizations were reported by sites between March 1, 2020, and May 23, 2020. The overall cumulative hospitalization rate was 73.3 per 100,000 population. Among the 0-4 years, 5-17 years, 18-49 years, 50-64 years, and ≥ 65 years age groups, the highest rate of hospitalization is among adults aged 65 years (229.7 per 100,000), followed by adults aged 50-64 years (113.4 per 100,000) and adults aged 18-49 years (41.0 per 100,000).



For more information please read CDC's <u>Tweet</u> and visit their <u>webpage</u>







FEMA ANNOUNCES DISTRIBUTION OF INFRARED THERMOMETERS

FEMA will be distributing non-contact infrared thermometers to support the phased reopening of the Nation's workplaces and restarting of the American economy. News release at right.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAJORITY LEADER ISSUES STATEMENT: BLACK LIVES MATTER, AND THE KILLING MUST STOP NOW

House Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer (MD) released a statement expressina support of those marching in honor of George Floyd and many other African-American men and women who have been killed and condemning the remarks made by the President June 1, 2020.

MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA OFFERS RESOURCES FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND COVID-19

Resources for those needing mental health assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic are at right.

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For more information please read FEMA's news release.

U.S. House of Representatives Majority Leader Issues Statement: Black Lives Matter, and the Killing Must Stop Now

House Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer (MD) released the following statement expressing support of those marching in honor of George Floyd and many other African-American men and women who have been killed and condemning the remarks made by the President June 1, 2020:

"Americans across the country are grieving the loss of life of George Floyd and so many African-American men and women who have been victims of deadly racism and violence that continue to plague our country. We are seeing great pain, anger, fear, and frustration at the loss of these lives without accountability. Black lives matter, and the killing must stop now. Our nation's leaders have a moral responsibility to listen to those who are grieving and say: we see you, we hear you, and we are with you

"I continue to stand in solidarity with those who are peacefully marching to honor the life of George Floyd and many others. When Americans protest peacefully, that is a sign of our nation's strength, and undoubtedly there is cause to march. When leaders listen to those crying out for justice, that is strength as well. I commend governors, mayors, and law enforcement leaders who have shown such strength.

"Rather than bring the nation together, President Trump has rejected that avenue, choosing instead to stoke tensions, to drive people apart, and to incite rather than calm. Our nation watched in horror yesterday evening as he threatened to put down peaceful protests with military force – immediately after peaceful protestors were tear gassed in front of the White House so he could hold a photo op. Shame on him for fanning the flames; shame on him for seeking to divide his own people.

"I hope that, in the days ahead, Americans can embrace our strengths by reaching out in brotherhood and sisterhood to one another, honoring George Floyd's memory by working together to repair the America that so tragically failed him. House Democrats, led by the Congressional Black Caucus, will continue to stand with those who rally for justice, equality, and the truths, declared by our Founders, that all are 'created equal.' We will continue to call for Senate action on the Emmett Till Antilynching Act as well as pursue legislation to ensure justice, to put in place accountability, and to end this loss of life."

For more information please read the Majority Leader's news release.

Mental Health America Offers Resources for Mental Health and COVID-19

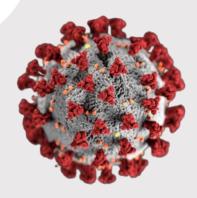
Mental Health America (MHA) warns that as the number of cases of COVID-19 increases, so does the associated anxiety.

For the general public, the mental health effects of COVID-19 are as essential to address as are the physical health effects. And for the one in five who already have mental health conditions – or the one in two who are at risk of developing them – we need to take personal, professional, and policy measures now to address them.

For the past several weeks, MHA has been using its unique database to monitor daily this increase in anxiety. According to our screening data, we







RESOURCES TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE IN AND AROUND CARS **DURING COVID-19**

Safe Kids Worldwide has teamed up with the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association to provide parents and caregivers with a suite of online and virtual resources to properly use and install car seats and to keep kids safe in and around cars.

experienced a 19 percent increase in screening for clinical anxiety in the first weeks of February and a 12 percent increase in the first two weeks of March.

This suggests that our screeners are not just "worried well." Instead they represent thousands of people whose lives and sense of well-being are being severely impacted by concerns about the virus.

To aid individuals and communities during this time, MHA has compiled a range of resources and information, including:

- Mental Health Information for Disease Outbreaks
- Financial Support
- Tools and Information on Anxiety
- Tools to Connect with Others
- Resources for Immediate Response
- Webinars, Live Events, and Workshops
- For Mental Health Providers
- For First Responders
- For Parents
- For Caregivers
- For Older Adults
- For Domestic Violence Survivors
- For LGBTQ+ Individuals
- For Veterans
- General Information about COVID-19

For more information please visit MHA's webpage.

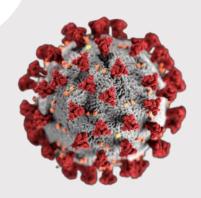
Resources to Keep Children Safe in and Around Cars During COVID-19

Even as families try to stay home as much as possible during the coronavirus pandemic, there are times when a trip in the car with the kids is essential. To support parents and caregivers during COVID-19, Safe Kids Worldwide has teamed up with the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association to provide parents and caregivers with a suite of online and virtual resources to properly use and install car seats and to keep kids safe in and around cars.

- Ultimate Car Seat Guide This interactive tool provides expert guidance to parents on everything from how to fit a child into a car seat to how to know when it is time to move to a new type of seat.
- <u>Live Assistance from Manufacturer Product Specialists</u> While Child Passenger Safety (CPS) technician programs and inspections are less available now, manufacturers are "essential" and continue to help parents use their car seats correctly. This compilation lists customer service phone numbers, websites, hours and video assistance opportunities.
- Phone Call with Your Local Safe Kids Coalition Many local Safe Kids coalitions have certified child passenger safety technicians who are available to answer your specific questions over the phone. Find a coalition near you.
- Car Seat Cleaning Tips for COVID-19 During a time when we are all focused on keeping things sanitary, families can access the latest information from their car seat manual or by contacting their car seat manufacturer.
- Interactive Map of State Law Requirements Car seats, booster seats and seat belts are required in all states and territories, and laws specify how children must be protected by properly used car seats, booster seats or seat belts.







CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES TO KEEP KIDS SAFE FROM INJURIES

Safe Kids Worldwide has also created several coronavirus resources and blogs to help educators and families protect children. Links at right.

CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Please note: The statistics are also available on the Snohomish Health District website.

ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE **INFORMATION**

- Snohomish Health District
- **Snohomish County**
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Response & Community Resource
- Washington State
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: 425-388-3944
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call 1-800-525-0127 or text 211-211 for help. For information to be texted to you, text Coronavirus to 211-211.

Heatstroke Prevention Tips – In the past two years, more than 100 children died of heatstroke because they were alone or became trapped in a hot car.

See the full press release about new resources for parents to keep kids safe in cars during COVID-19.

Coronavirus Resources to Keep Kids Safe from Injuries

As kids of all ages are spending more time at home, Safe Kids Worldwide has created several coronavirus resources and bloas on home, road, and play safety to help educators and families protect children.

Resources include:

- Parent's Guide to Child Safety
- Keeping Kids Safe at Home
- Keeping Kids Safe when Walking and Biking
- Keeping Kids Safe around Cars
- Keeping Kids Safe from Heatstroke in Hot Cars
- Keeping Kids Safe from TV Injuries and Falls

For more information please read Safe Kids Worldwide's coronavirus resources and blogs on home, road, and play safety.

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of June 2, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 1:45 p.m.
Confirmed	3,001
Probable	412
Deceased	150

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 1:45 p.m.
Arlington	127 (117 recovered)
Bothell*	217 (189 recovered)
Brier	21 (20 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	349 (298 recovered)
Everett	1,008 (792 recovered)
Gold Bar	<5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	29 (22 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	123 (111 recovered)
Lynnwood	643 (544 recovered)
Marysville	253 (218 recovered)
Mill Creek	56 (45 recovered)
Monroe	86 (74 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	113 (98 recovered)
Mukilteo	65 (60 recovered)
Snohomish	160 (144 recovered)
Stanwood	104 (89 recovered)
Sultan	8 (8 recovered)
Tulalip	23 (20 recovered)
Unknown/Other	<5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	12 (11 recovered)
Woodway	8 (8 recovered)

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Unknown includes cases still under investigation. *Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.



